

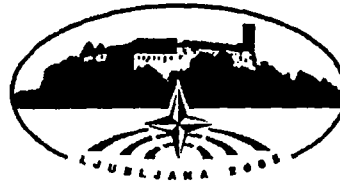


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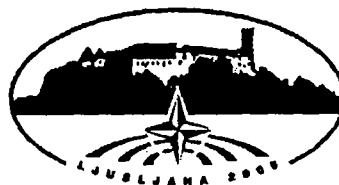
Sunday 29 May 2005



Dr Božo CERAR
State Secretary
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

Date and place of birth:	16 October 1949, Ljubljana
Position: of	State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
Education:	
1997	PhD in International Law, University of Ljubljana
1993	Masters degree in Diplomatic Studies, Westminster University, London
1973	Graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana
Professional career:	
2004	Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Warsaw, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Slovenia to Poland
2002-2003	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Ambassador-State Undersecretary and Head of Department for NATO
2001	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Ambassador-State Undersecretary and Head of Department for Multilateral relations
1997-2001	Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Ottawa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Slovenia to Canada
1996-1997	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, State Undersecretary and Head of the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
1992-1996	Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in London, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. and Minister Plenipotentiary

1991-1992	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Head of Department for Europe and North America
1991	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Coordinator (appointed by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia) of activities concerning the presence of EU observers who monitored the ceasefire between the Slovenian Territorial Defence and the Yugoslav Army
1990	Federal Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of the SFRY, Head of Department for Western Europe
1985-1989	Embassy of the SFRY in Athens, 1st Secretary
1981-1984	Slovenian Trade Unions' Committee for International Cooperation, Secretary
1977-1981	Consulate General of the SFRY in Sydney, Vice-Consul
1974	Federal Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of the SFRY in Belgrade, trainee
Foreign languages:	English, Russian, Croatian, Polish, Greek, French
Married, with three children.	



Prof. Dr Robert DE WIJK
Director
Clingendael Centre for Strategic Studies

Director of the Clingendael Security and Conflict Programme (CSCP) which also comprises the Conflict Research Unit (CRU) since January 2005, when the Departments of Training and Research of the Clingendael Institute were integrated in three new thematic Programmes.

In 2003 Dr. Rob de Wijk became the Director of the Clingendael Centre for Strategic Studies. The Centre is a joint venture between the Clingendael Institute of International Relations and the Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research, (TNO).

He is also professor in the field of International Relations at the Royal Netherlands Military Academy, Breda (1999) and professor Strategic Studies at the University of Leiden (2000). In addition, he is a member of the National Defence Research Council of TNO (1993).

Rob de Wijk started his career in 1977 as a freelance journalist. In 1980 he became editor-in-chief of a publishing company specialising in journals and scientific publications. From 1985 to 1989 he worked at the University of Leiden's political science department. He was a lecturer in international relations, in particular international security.

In October 1989 Rob de Wijk was appointed Head of the Defence Concepts Division of the Defence Staff at the Netherlands Ministry of Defence. He advised the Chief of the Defence Staff in matters relating to strategic plans and policy. In September 1997 he acquired a secondment with the Clingendael Institute for International Relations in The Hague to study the military aspects of international security.



Colonel Ralph THIELE

Commander

Bundeswehr Center for Transformation

Colonel Ralph Thiele was born in Treuenbrietzen (Mark Brandenburg/ Germany) on 14 October 1953. He completed his formal education in 1973 by graduating from the Fichte Secondary School, Krefeld, emphasizing the fields of mathematics and natural sciences. He is married to Monika Thiele and has a daughter.

02 July 1973	Joined the Luftwaffe (Roth near Nürnberg) as Airman 3rd Class, Officer Cadet
1973 - 1974	Air Force Officer School, Neubiberg
1974 - 1978	Economics and Business Studies at the Armed Forces University in Munich, Diplom-Kaufmann (MBA). promotion to Second Lieutenant.
<u>1975</u>	
<u>1978</u>	promotion to First Lieutenant.
1976 - 1978	Politics Studies at the Munich University of Political Science
1978 - 1979	PERSHING 1 A weapon system training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma
1979 - 1985	Missile Platoon Leader at Surface-to-Surface Missile Wing 2, Geilenkirchen.
<u>1981</u>	promotion to Captain.
1985 - 1987	General Staff Officer Course, Führungsakademie (Federal Armed Forces Command and General Staff College), Hamburg.
<u>1987</u>	Promotion to Major.
1987 - 1989	G 3 Op. exercises, in German Territorial Northern Command, Mönchengladbach
1989 - 1990	Military Assistant to the Vice Chief of Staff, Federal Armed Forces. <u>1990</u> Promotion to Lieutenant Colonel
1990 - 1992	Military Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), SHAPE
1992 - 1994	MoD Bonn, Air Force Staff, Plans & Policy
1994 - 1996	Commander SAM Group 39, HAWK, Leck
1996 - 1998	MoD Bonn, Planning Staff
1998 - 1999	Lectureship "Military Strategy", Führungsakademie, Hamburg
<u>1998</u>	Promotion to Colonel
1999 - 2001	Chef de Cabinet and Chief of Staff NATO Defense College
2001 -	Commander Bundeswehr Center for Transformation